

FHA Mortgage Insurance Fund, with slight variations. Under this proposal, mortgage insurance premiums would be based on the borrower's credit history, loan-to-value ratio, debt-to-income ratio, and on FHA's historical experience with similar borrowers. This amendment maintained FHA reserves within the insurance fund to preserve the future solvency of the FHA program (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 874).

Pages H10470–76, H10477–78

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 650, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 872, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 871.

Pages H10446–47

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, September 17th:

Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2007: H.R. 3096, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 877.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial: H. Res. 326, amended, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial;

Pages H10482–84

Recognizing the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War, honoring the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and commending all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers: H. Res. 443, amended, to recognize the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War, to honor the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and to commend all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers;

Pages H10484–86

Expressing the nation's sincerest appreciation and thanks for the service of the members of the 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) upon the occasion of the final reunion of the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association: H. Res. 604, amended, to express the nation's sincerest appreciation and thanks for the service of the members of the 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) upon the occasion of the

final reunion of the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association; and

Pages H10486–88

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service: H. Con. Res. 207, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service.

Pages H10488–94

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10445, H10446, H10446–47, H10477, H10477–78, H10480, H10480–81, H10481. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN CONTRACTOR MEDICAL BENEFITS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the benefits and medical care for Federal and U.S. contractor employees deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Patricia S. Bradshaw, Deputy Under Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Shelby Hallmark, Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; and Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from Deborah Kooperstein, Administrative Judge, Southampton, New York; Kim Berkeley Clark, Administrative Judge, Family Division (Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court) 5th Judiciary District of Pennsylvania (Allegheny County) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Janet Garcia, Deputy Director, Office for Children, Youth and Families, State of Arizona; Andrea Wiesman, Director, Health Services, Youth Rehabilitation Services, District of Columbia; Anne Marie Ambrose, Director, Child Welfare and Juvenile Services, Department of Public Welfare, State of Pennsylvania; and a public witness.

MILITARY FAMILIES MEDICAL LEAVE COVERAGE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Family and Medical Leave Act: Extending Coverage to Military Families Left at Home. Testimony was heard

from Senators Dodd and Clinton; Representative Issa; and public witnesses.

MONITORING 9/11 HEALTH EFFECTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Answering the Call: Medical Monitoring and Treatment of 9/11 Health Effects.” Testimony was heard from John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Department of Health and Human Services; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Health Care Issues, GAO; James Melius, M.D., Laborers’ Health and Safety Fund, New York; Edward Slyler, Deputy Mayor, Administration, City of New York; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR TERRORISM PREVENTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Terrorism Prevention: Status Report on the Federal Government’s Assessment of New Radiation Detection Monitors.” Testimony was heard from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and Dave Huizenga, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of International Material Protection and Cooperation, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Paul A. Schneider, Under Secretary, Management.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2868, To eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities; H.R. 2787, amended, CJ’s Home Protection Act of 2007; and H.R. 3526, To include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

U.S.-SAUDI ARABIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Relations with Saudi Arabia: Oil, Anxiety, and Ambivalence. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REVIEW

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The Grades Are In—Is the Department of Homeland Security Measuring Up?” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General,

GAO; and Paul A. Schneider, Under Secretary, Management, Department of Homeland Security.

WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE AND THE FISA ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Warrantless Surveillance and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: The Role of Checks and Balances in Protecting Americans’ Privacy Rights (Part II). Testimony was heard from Michael McConnell, Director, National Intelligence; and Kenneth Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security, Department of Justice.

STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing entitled “Management of the Statue of Liberty National Monument.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Weiner and Sires; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2733, Trinity River Restoration Fund Act of 2007; and H.R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2780, amended, To amend section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the method for computing certain annuities under the Civil Service Retirement System which are based on part-time service; H.R. 1236, amended, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; H.R. 2414, amended, Metropolitan Police Department and Fire Service Act of 2007; H.R. 3551, To reauthorize the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel, to modify the procedures of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel; and H.R. 1110, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE REVISION AND EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2761, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill as amended shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. The further amendments made in order in Part B may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of Wednesday, September 19, 2007, that provides for consideration of a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the post market authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes.

VA ASSESSMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the state of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3375, amended, To amend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months; H.R. 3640, Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2007; and H.R. 3539, amended, Airport and Airway Trust Fund Financing Act of 2007.

FISA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on FISA. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—BIOLOGICAL THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on current efforts against biological threats. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to markup S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians, and an original bill entitled, "FHA Modernization Act of 2007", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality, to hold hearings to examine America's wastewater infrastructure needs in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, and Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Everglades, focusing on protecting natural